year also to meet the requirements, including those of the agricultural sector.

Coordinated and integrated Hydro carbon policy to enhance oil production

1191. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a coordinated and integrated hydrocarbon policy to enhance the production of oil and gas to meet the growing demand;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed policy; and

(c) by when the proposed policy will be implemented and to what extent the growing demand of gas and oil in the country will be met?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Government is already implementing a strategy for enhancing oil and gas production in the country by following measures:—

(i) Intensification of exploration, which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

(ii) Intensification of work-over operation.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(iv) Induction of advanced technology.

As exploration for hydrocarbon is highly probabilistic in nature, it is not possible to indicate with any degree of certainty, as to what extent self-sufficiency in production of oil will be achieved.

Supply of Natural gas to Ray and Telengana

1192. PROF. C. LAKSHMA Will the Minister of PETROI AND NATURAL GAS be pleas[illegible] state:

(a) whether in view of the abundant availability of natural gas in Krishna-Godavari Basin, Government consider the possibility of supplying gas to industrially backward areas like Rayalseema and Telengana;

(b) whether Government would take advantage of the experience of the Soviet Union in laying gas pipelines for district areas especially in view of the possibility of this help being acquired through several currency options;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Initially ONGC propose to produce 0.15 MMCMD of gas in the Krishna-Godavari Basin. They have already tied up eight consumers for use of this gas. In addition, 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been committed for APSEB. No proposal for supply to Rayalseema or Talengana is under consideration.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Release of LPG conections in Delhi and Ahmedabad

1193. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of regis-